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SUBJECT: BRITISH EDITORIAL COMMENT ON EC AGRICULTURAL
MINISTERS' MEETING

1. SUMMARY. ALL MAJOR PAPERS GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO THE
EC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS' FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT
ON PRICE LEVELS.

THE TIMES EDITORIAL SAID THAT IT HAS LONG BEEN OBVIOUS
THAT THE EC COULD NOT GO ON MEETING EVERY AGRICULTURAL
PROBLEM BY RAISING PRICES, AND CALLED FOR A FULL- SCALE
EC REVIEW OF ITS AGRICULTURAL POLICY TO MAKE IT BETTER
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SERVE EUROPEAN INTERESTS. THE TELEGRAPH URGED BRITISH NEGOTIATORS TO CONTINUE RESISTING SUBSTANTIAL PRICE INCREASES AND TO SEEK TO SIMPLIFY THE CAP. AN EDITORIAL IN THE YORKSHIRE POST STATED THAT THE DEBATE ON PRICES HAS SHOWN THAT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB IN LEARNING HOW TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN THE COMMON MARKET ARENA, AND " FROM NOW ON WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE A DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPECIFIC BRITISH POSITION WITHIN A EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK". END SUMMARY.

2. ALL MAJOR BRITISH DAILY NEWSPAPERS GAVE FULL AND PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE FAILURE OF THE LUXEMBOURG MEETINGS OF THE NINE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON FARM PRICE LEVELS.

3. IN ADDITION, THE TIMES, DAILY TELEGRAPH AND YORKSHIRE POST EDITORIALIZED ON APRIL 19 AS FOLLOWS: THE TELEGRAPH STATED THAT BRITAIN MAY YET WIN IN THESE DISCUSSIONS A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY IN ITS EFFORTS TO AMEND " THE HIGHLY PROTECTIONIST CAP". IT SEES MR. GODBER GAINING THROUGH COMPROMISE " VALUABLE TIME" FOR BRITAIN TO ADJUST FOOD PRICES TO THE GENERALLY HIGHER LEVELS IN ORIGINAL SIX. THE TELEGRAPH BELIEVES THAT LITTLE BETTER THAN EVEN ODDS EXIST THAT CAP WILL SURVIVE IN ANYTHING APPROACHING PRESENT FORM. IT URGES UK NEGOTIATORS TO CONTINUE TO RESIST SUBSTANTIAL PRICE INCREASES AND TO SEEK TO SIMPLIFY THE CAP THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. IT CAUTIONS, HOWEVER, AGAINST TOO QUICK OR TOO RADICAL CHANGES WHICH IT WARNS WOULD DESTROY WHAT EUROPEAN UNITY EXISTS.

4. THE TIMES DISCUSSED THE REASONS BEHIND THE PROBLEM AS GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF NINE, COMPLICATIONS CAUSED BY CURRENCY UPHEAVALS, AND EMOTIONALISM IN MEMBER GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. IT THEN IDENTIFIED THE PRICES OF

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CEREALS AND MIL PRODUCTS AS THE TWO DIVISIVE ISSUES. THE TIMES CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT IT HAS LONG BEEN OBVIOUS THAT THE EC CANNOT SOLVE EVERY AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM BY RAISING PRICES AND CALLS FOR NEW MEANS OF SUPPORTING FARMERS AND MAKING THE CAP SERVE THE EUROPEAN INTEREST MORE TRULY.

5. THE YORKSHIRE POST SAID THAT THE DECISION TO POSTPONE THE TALKS ON AGRICULTURAL PRICES UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH INTRODUCES BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION TO "THE COMPLEXITIES OF POLITICAL MANOEUVRING WITHIN THE NEW EUROPE". THE FRENCH GAINED THE INITIATIVE BY RUTHLESSLY PRESSING THEIR POINT HOME, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND IF BRITAIN HOPES TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN THE COMMON MARKET ARENA, SHE MUST LEARN THE SAME ART. "OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB SO FAR ... THE COUNTRY HAS TAKEN HER PLACE ON THE EUROPEAN STATE FROM NOW ON, WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE A DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPECIFIC BRITISH POSITION WITHIN A EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK." THE YORKSHIRE POST EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS IN AN APRIL 16 EDITORIAL WHICH SAID: "OUR MINISTERS AND

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT BEEN AFRAID TO EXERCISE
THE MOST FORCEFUL PRESSURE IN MANY PLACES -- AT EUROPEAN
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,
FOR EXAMPLE - BRITAIN' S CONTRIBUTION SO FAR HAS BEEN
TO INTRODUCE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR, OPENING THE WAY FOR
NEW IDEAS. AND, FROM BRITAIN' S POINT OF VIEW, THE MOST
IMPORTANT OF THESE IDEAS INCLUDE REFORM OF THE CAP."

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